


### Head outdoors for some fresh air.

‘Earth Day Clean-up’ will be held on Sat., April 29th (the end of Earth Day Week), at Mead Wildlife Area Center (McMillan Marsh), in Wood Co., S2148 County Hwy S, in Milladore. They will be doing their annual spring clean-up from 9 am—12 pm. This is a great opportunity to join in the fun of enjoying nature & help keep the wildlife areas looking beautiful. Those that participate will receive lunch at noon. If you would like to help, call Kyle Christianson @715-457-6771 ext. 3.




### Looking for something to do?

Check out the Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center class ‘Orienteering with Compass & Map’, May 6th, from 9:00 am—4:30 pm. Learn how to navigate in the hinterlands with compass & map. An excellent class for hunters, hikers & backpackers. Navigate through several compass courses, including a cross-country exercise of several miles. Adults, and youth grade 6+ (with an adult guardian) are welcome. For fees/info., go to [www.dnr.wi.gov](http://www.dnr.wi.gov) ‘Sandhill workshop registration’. Register by April 26th.



### Enjoy a weekend of fun!

The Wisconsin DNR fee FREE weekend will be held on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. This includes free entry into all Wisconsin State Parks, State Forests, State Recreation Areas and State Trails. Also included in this weekend is free fishing and free ATV/UTV riding on public trails open to such uses. For a list of these places, go to [www.dnr.wi.gov](http://www.dnr.wi.gov); click on ‘Recreation’, ‘Parks & trails’ & ‘Find’. A Wisconsin map opens up, showing all of these locations.



“Few men during their lifetime come anywhere near exhausting the resources dwelling within them. There are deep wells of strength that are never used.” ~ Richard E. Byrd



### Annual Adams County Dairy Breakfast

Come out and enjoy Adams County’s Annual Dairy Breakfast! This year’s breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 27th, at Adams-Friendship High School, located at 1109 East North St., in Adams. Breakfast will be served from 7 a.m.—11 a.m., with a cost of \$5; a cost of \$3 for students in K-5th grades. On the menu will be scrambled egg omelettes, cheese, fresh fruit, donut holes, ice cream, milk, coffee and juice. After breakfast, stop in next door to see the new A-F Fine Arts Center.

If you would be interested in going on a FREE bus tour of the New Chester Dairy in Grand Marsh @ 9:30 a.m., please sign up no later than Thursday, May 25th. Bus seating is limited. The bus will leave from the high school parking lot. All children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian. The tour will last approximately 1.5—2 hours. To reserve a seat, call Kevin @ 339-2859.

### International Migratory Bird Day

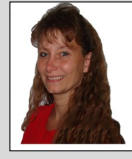
Where: Necedah Wildlife Refuge  
When: Saturday, May 13th  
Time: 8:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m.  
Event: Guided Bird Hike

Come rain or shine; meet at the Visitor’s Center at 8:00 a.m. For more information, call 608-565-2551, or watch their Facebook page @ Facebook/NecedahNWR for updates.

### Kid’s Day 2017

Where: Adams-Friendship High School  
When: Saturday, April 29th  
Time: 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Bring the kids out for an afternoon of fun! There will be many booths set up with information/fun for kids & adults alike. For more information, you can go to their Facebook page @ Adams County Kids Day, or contact Candy Schraufnagel at 608-339-4340, [cschraufnagel@co.adams.wi.us](mailto:cschraufnagel@co.adams.wi.us) or [adamscountykidsday@gmail.com](mailto:adamscountykidsday@gmail.com).



**Cindy Phillippi**  
COUNTY CLERK

Adams County Clerk Newsletters are available at many locations throughout the county including:

- \* A-F Laundromat
- \* Family Affair Restaurant
- \* Golden Living Center
- \* Hometown Community Insurance
- \* Wall Chiropractor

For a list of the services provided in the County Clerk’s Office, please see our website at [www.co.adams.wi.gov](http://www.co.adams.wi.gov).

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### Adams County Clerk’s Office

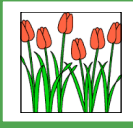
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### County Board Meetings:

~ April 18th  
~ May 16th  
~ June 20th

All regularly scheduled County Board Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m., unless stated otherwise. The dates/times are always posted on the home page of our website at [www.co.adams.wi.us](http://www.co.adams.wi.us). Agendas for meetings are usually available about 1 week prior to the meeting date, and can be picked up at the County Clerk’s office. The meetings are held in the County Board Room A230, on the 2nd floor of the courthouse. For more information regarding the meetings, you can contact the County Clerk’s office at 608-339-4200.





## ADAMS COUNTY CLERK NEWSLETTER

2017 2nd Quarter  
April, May & June

### Remember to Vote: April 4th Spring Election

Election day is fast approaching!  
Don’t forget to go out and support your local municipal candidates with your vote.  
Also on the ballots are the

following state offices:  
State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Supreme Court Justice and Court of Appeals Judge.  
Your local school district will have races for you to

cast your vote in, as well.  
Keep Adams County going strong, by making your vote count!  
Please remember to bring along your Photo ID.

*Character is the FOUNDATION stone upon which one must build to win respect. Just as no worthy building can be erected on a weak foundation, so no lasting reputation worthy of respect can be built on a weak character. Without character, all effort to attain dignity is superficial, and results are sure to be disappointing. ~ R.C. Samsel*


### Hope House of South Central Wisconsin

The mission of Hope House is to prevent abuse & provide support to victims of domestic & sexual violence. All services are free & confidential, including a 24-hour helpline at 608-356-7500 or 800-584-6790, supportive counseling, legal help, support groups, safety planning, 24-hour availability of support during Sexual Assault Nurse Exams, emergency shelter & community education. For more information, you can visit their website at [HopeHouseSCW.org](http://HopeHouseSCW.org).

You can stop by the Adams County Courthouse to speak directly with a Hope House advocate, every Thursday 9 a.m.—3:30 p.m.; appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. They are located at the Courthouse, floor 2R Conference Room. To set up an appointment, contact Katie Flugler, Outreach Advocate, @ 608-356-9123.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. April 26th is designated as Denim Day. Hope House is encouraging schools, businesses, churches & individuals to participate in Denim Day. Denim Day was created as a message in protest of victim-blaming.

If a group would like to participate in Denim Day and allow their employees to wear jeans on this day, Hope House would like to ask for a small donation. Photos sent to Hope House [HHSelter@HopeHouseSCW.org](mailto:HHSelter@HopeHouseSCW.org) of employees wearing jeans on Denim Day will be shared on their website & Facebook page. They have Denim Day buttons for any groups that are interested; call 1-800-584-6790 or 608-356-9123, or email [HHSelter@HopeHouseSCW.org](mailto:HHSelter@HopeHouseSCW.org) with the number of buttons you would like. Their Facebook page is [facebook.com/HopeHouseSCW](https://www.facebook.com/HopeHouseSCW).




### 2017 Free Entrance Days in the National Parks

The National Park Service just turned 100 years old! Celebrate the start of the second century by visiting a park in 2017. During 10 days of the year, all National Park Service sites that charge an entrance fee, will offer free admission to everyone. Mark your calendar:

- 🌲 **January 16:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 🌲 **February 20:** Presidents’ Day
- 🌲 **April 15-16:** Weekend of National Park Week
- 🌲 **April 22-23:** Weekend of National Park Week
- 🌲 **August 25:** National Park Service Birthday
- 🌲 **September 30:** National Public Lands Day
- 🌲 **November 11-12:** Veterans Day Weekend

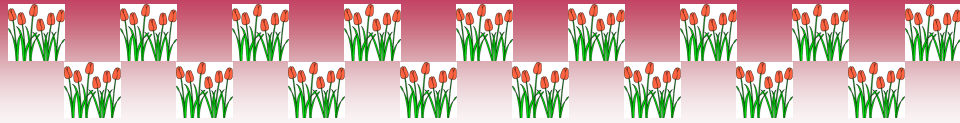
### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Hope House “Denim Day”
- 2017 National Parks free entrance days
- “Munsey & Boda”
- Earth Day



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## Wild Asparagus & Mushroom Picking

*“Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself.” ~ Saint Francis de Sales*



The Wisconsin State Statutes give the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) broad authority to control activities on state maintained transportation right of way. In the Highway Maintenance Manual, Chapter 07 - Roadside Management, Section 25 - Use of Highway Right of Way by Others, Subject 10 - Harvesting Products of Nature.

This guideline treats those requests from individuals who want to use WisDOT right of way or owned lands to harvest, collect, or remove products of nature. Activities include, but are not limited to collecting seeds, harvesting berries and wild vegetables, fishing, trapping, and hunting. Section 3.1 - Harvesting berries, seeds, nuts, wild vegetables, fungi, etc., goes on to further state that individuals gathering berries, seeds, nuts, wild vegetables, or other such natural products will not be required to obtain a permit from WisDOT provided:

- Pedestrians are legally allowed on WisDOT right of way at that location (excludes railroad corridors, interstates, freeways and some expressways)
- The products are intended for personal use and not for sale
- The products will not be used by a commercial enterprise
- A permit is obtained from DNR for any seeds collected from plants that are state or federally designated as protected
- The activity does not interfere with the free flow of traffic or endanger the individuals, motorists or other users of the transportation system

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**I walk slowly, but I never walk backward.” ~ Abraham Lincoln**

### “Munsey & Boda”

In October of 2015, the Wildwood Zoo welcomed “Munsey & Boda”, twin Kodiak bear cubs from Alaska. Their story began 5 months earlier, when the cubs’ mother was illegally shot & killed by an unguided hunter. At 4 months old, brown bear cubs are almost entirely dependent on their mother for food and protection, and only about half make it to adulthood. The Alaska Department of Fish & Game authorized the rescue of these cubs.

The natural habitat of the Kodiak bear is in the Kodiak Archipelago in southwestern Alaska, and that’s the only place in the world where these bears exist in the wild. As one of the few zoos in the “lower 48” to be an adopted home to the Kodiak bear, Wildwood Zoo created an environment for the bears that rivals exhibits in much larger cities, such as San Diego or Milwaukee, using bridges to connect habitats. A 15 foot wide glass viewing window encourages up-close & personal bear encounters & provides shade and shelter for visitors.

Kodiak bears are the largest bears in the world, along with polar bears. Fish is an important part of their diet, but they eat more grass, plants & berries than meat. Wildwood Zoo is located at 608 W 17th St. in Marshfield, WI.



### New campsites at Castle Rock Co. Park

Castle Rock County Park has added 18 more campsites, which are located across the street from the main entrance to the park. All of these sites have water & electric hookups. Most of the sites have sunny locations, with some having shade, during part of the day. If you have not yet gotten the chance to take your family on a weekend camping trip, why not make a reservation soon! The 2017 camping user rates are as follows:



#### Tents:

Nightly (w or w/o) electric \$16.00  
Weekly (w or w/o) electric \$90.00

#### Campers:

Nightly (w or w/o) electric \$23.00  
Weekly (w or w/o) electric \$130.00

#### Premium Camper or Tent Sites:

Nightly RV (w or w/o) electric \$27.00  
Nightly Tent (w or w/o) electric \$20.00  
Weekly RV (w or w/o) electric \$150.00  
Weekly Tent (w or w/o) electric \$110.00

#### Contact Information:

Castle Rock County Park ~ 608-339-7713  
Petenwell County Park ~ 608-564-7513  
Email ~ parks@co.adams.wi.us

## Do you need your water or soil tested?

Water & soil testing can be done through the UW Extension office, located at 569 N. Cedar Street in Adams.

**Water testing:** Homeowner Package is the most commonly used. It includes the 2 most important tests to perform regularly on a well (bacteria & nitrite). Water test bottles/paperwork can be purchased for \$3. They are sent to The Water & Environmental Analysis Lab in Stevens Point.

**Soil testing:** This should be done about once every 3 yrs, in early spring or late fall. You can pick up a Soil Sample Bag & soil probe. They send samples to either UW Soil & Forage Analysis Labs in Marshfield, or UW Soil & Plant Analysis Labs in Madison. For further information, you can visit their website at [adams.uwex.edu](http://adams.uwex.edu) or call them at 608-339-4237.

### Earth Day

Earth Day was first celebrated in 1970. It was founded by Senator Gaylord Nelson to promote ecology, and the respect for life on the planet. It was also meant to encourage awareness of the growing problems of air, water and soil pollution. In 1990, Earth Day went global, mobilizing 200 million people in 141 countries. In 1995, President Clinton awarded Senator Nelson the Presidential Medal of Freedom, for his role as Earth Day founder. Today, it is observed in 192 countries. Earth Day is always recognized on April 22nd. It is usually celebrated with outdoor activities, where people perform acts of service such as: planting trees, picking up roadside trash, conducting various programs for promoting recycling/conservation, and the like.

**Wishing all the mothers and fathers a “Happy Mother’s Day” & “Happy Father’s Day”**

## Necedah National Wildlife Refuge ‘Berry Picking Guidelines’

- ⇒ **Edible Berries:** Wild edible berries found on the refuge include: blueberries, raspberries, huckleberries, wild strawberries, dewberries, cranberries, elderberries, common chokecherries and a variety of other edible berries.
- ⇒ **Gathering Wild Edibles:** Be sure of what you pick. Several types of berries are toxic and may make you ill. Always reference a trusted resource.
- ⇒ **Refuge Guidelines:** Season Dates: July 1—August 15, Location: Refuge Wide, Harvest Limit: One gallon per person per day
- ⇒ **Transportation:** Township and designated refuge roads open to vehicles. All other travel must be on foot. Parking permitted on road sides and in designated parking areas. Do not block gates or traffic.

**The use of rakes to harvest berries is prohibited.**

Necedah National Wildlife Refuge  
N11385 Headquarters Rd  
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608-565-2551  
[Necedah@fws.gov](mailto:Necedah@fws.gov)



## Looking for something fun to do with the whole family? Try your hand at ‘Geocaching’!

Do you like scavenger hunting or finding a treasure? If you are looking to add some extra excitement to a hiking trail or ways to encourage others to spend time outdoors with you, Geocaching can be a great option for adventurers of all ages. Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure-hunting game, using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location. There are many different levels to the game. Geocaches can be found all over the world (180+ countries), with over 2.8 million containers hidden. Locations can be quite diverse. They may be at your local park, state parks, at the end of a long hike, underwater, or on the side of a city street. For more information on how to get in on the fun, go to [Geocaching.com](http://Geocaching.com), to learn how the game/activity is played. For further information on playing the game in Wisconsin only, check out these websites: ‘Geocaching in Wisconsin’ or ‘WGA (Wi Geocaching Assoc.) State Park Series’.



**“Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you.” ~ Princess Diana**

**“You are the embodiment of the information you choose to accept and act upon. To change your circumstances, you need to change your thinking and subsequent actions.” ~ Adlin Sinclair**